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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Wilson

SUBJECT: Systematic Product Review

1. PRD proposes to initiate immediately a systematic program to review and analyze finished national intelligence products. Each officer in PRD who has a geographic or functional area responsibility will be required to prepare on a monthly basis a report covering national intelligence production ^{on} ~~covering~~ his area. These reports will be essentially descriptive in nature, summarizing how much and what kind of production has been devoted to his particular bailiwick.

2. The purpose of this monthly review and analysis of national intelligence production will be to develop a data base to support the following objectives:

- a. Assessments of the focus and coverage of current intelligence ~~periodicals~~ ^{production}.
- b. Assessments of the adequacy of coverage of KIO ~~topics~~ ^{topics}.
- c. The preparation of post mortems on crisis situations.
- d. The identification of gaps and redundancies in finished intelligence.
- e. The provision of guidance to the DCI and NIOs on all the foregoing areas.

3. The value of these monthly reviews will be cumulative.

We should, therefore, be cautious in making judgments on the data accumulated during the first few months. We suggest that, at least initially, no recommendations ^{be} ~~are~~ included in our finished studies and that they be distributed to interested parties simply for their information.

4. We propose that our first "test" study review, for the month of October, the two major current intelligence production mechanisms, the NIB and DIN, possibly restricting the survey to certain geographic (the Near East) or functional (economics) areas. The chief object of the study would be to produce an overview of the two mechanisms and perhaps some comparison between them.

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